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By: **Delegate McClenahan (Chairman, Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland) and Delegate Glassman**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland - Membership,**  
3 **Staffing, and Reporting Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the nature of a certain required report of the Task  
5 Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to  
6 submit a certain report, based on a certain assessment, on or before a certain  
7 date; adding to the membership of the Task Force; requiring the State  
8 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Business and Economic  
9 Development, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Food  
10 Center Authority to provide certain assistance to the Task Force at certain  
11 times; providing for the termination of the Act that created the Task Force; and  
12 generally relating to the Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Chapter 433 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
15 Section 1 and 2

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Chapter 433 of the Acts of 2000**

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland.

1 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

2 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
3 of the Senate;

4 (2) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the  
5 Speaker of the House;

6 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
7 Secretary's designee;

8 (4) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (6) **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER**  
11 **AUTHORITY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

12 (7) the Director of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, or the Director's  
13 designee;

14 [(7)] (8) the Chair of the Forum for Rural Maryland, or the Chair's  
15 designee;

16 [(8)] (9) the Chair of the Maryland Forestry Task Force, or the Chair's  
17 designee;

18 [(9)] (10) a representative of the Western Maryland "One Maryland" Task  
19 Force, selected by the members of the Western Maryland Task Force;

20 [(10)] (11) a representative of the Eastern Shore "One Maryland" Task  
21 Force, selected by the members of the Eastern Shore Task Force; ~~and~~

22 (12) TWO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS FROM RURAL COUNTIES,  
23 ONE FROM THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND AND ONE FROM THE WESTERN  
24 SHORE OF MARYLAND, SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC  
25 DEVELOPMENT; AND

26 [(11)] ~~(12)~~ (13) five members appointed jointly by the President of the  
27 Senate and the Speaker of the House to represent each of the following rural industry  
28 sectors:

29 (i) agriculture;

30 (ii) forestry;

31 (iii) fisheries;

32 (iv) mineral extraction; and

33 (v) rural commercial finance or lending.

1 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly  
2 designate two of the members as co-chairs of the Task Force.

3 (d) The Task Force shall:

4 (1) examine the need for, and the feasibility of, establishing a financing  
5 development authority to assist Maryland's farming, fishing, forestry, and mining  
6 extraction industries with loans, financing, training, and technical and business  
7 planning assistance services;

8 (2) consider the types of loans, financing, training, technical and  
9 business planning assistance services, and other programs that a financing  
10 development authority should implement;

11 (3) consider the amount in which a financing development authority  
12 should be funded;

13 (4) consider whether the financing development authority should be an  
14 independent State government entity or be incorporated into an existing State  
15 government agency;

16 (5) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of the  
17 financing development authority; [and]

18 (6) report its PRELIMINARY recommendations to the Governor and, in  
19 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly  
20 on or before December 1, 2000; AND

21 (7) BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF THE  
22 NEEDS OF AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, EXPECTED  
23 LEVEL OF DEMAND, TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EXPECTED INVESTMENT  
24 RETURNS, AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION MEASURES, REPORT ITS FINAL  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF  
26 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE  
27 DECEMBER 31, 2001.

28 (e) The Department of Legislative Services, [in consultation with] WITH THE  
29 ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, the Department of  
30 Business and Economic Development, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
31 AND THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY, shall, AS NECESSARY, provide  
32 RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AND staff support for the Task Force.

33 (f) A member of the Task Force:

34 (1) may not receive compensation; but

35 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
36 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 2000. IT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AND 7 MONTHS  
3 AND, AT THE END OF JANUARY 31, 2002, WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY  
4 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIS ACT SHALL BE ABROGATED AND OF NO FURTHER  
5 FORCE AND EFFECT.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2001.